#### FIGHTING IN CAPE COLONY.

INDICISIVE ENGAGEMENTS WITH TRENCH'S AND GATACRE'S FORCES.

Resenforcements Sent to French for His Operations Against Stormberg-Critics Predict Heavy Losses for Buller if He Makes an Attempt to Cross the Tagela.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 5 .- Events in Souti Africa do not appear to have advanced. Gen. French's and Gen. Gatacre's operations save succeeded in keeping the Boers check if nothing more, but the latter are yet strong and the fighting promises to last for some time. Molteno for the present seems to have been cleaned of Boers, but the British, on the other hand, have evacuated Dordrecht. Capt. Montmorency's force was withdrawn yesterday. Reenforcements have been sent to Gen. French from De Aar, but their strength is unknown.

A despatch from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony dated Jan. 3, says: "The Boers occupied Molteno and Cyphergat to-day, but abandoned the latter place on the approach of Gen. Gataere's troops."

A despatch from Cape Town to-day says

'The Magistrate at Molteno officially reports that yesterday morning there was heavy fir ng at the camp of the Cape mounted police. commanded by Capt, Naylau, Later the Boers surrounded the camp and there was a heavy artillery and riff- fire. The police have no artillery. The fighting continued all day. Eventually the enemy was repulsed. There were no ensualties among the police.' The critics in summing up the probabilities of Gen. Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men, with eld guns, including six howitzers, against Gen. Joubert's 20,000 men and 60 guns, but the latter's position and mobility will, at least, counterbalance the numerical superiority of the British. The critic of the Morning Post labors daily to prepare the public for heavy losses. He says "Once Gen. Buller sets out his object will be to win a decisive battle. His aim will be to inflict the greatest possible loss on the enemy, and, if he can, to crush or cripple the Boerarmy. It will be necessary for that purpose that he does not spare his own force." tien. Methuen continues inactive except for constant reconnoissances. These are reported to have established the fact that the Boer positions extend virtually from Koodoesberg to

acobsdal, a distance of forty or fifty miles. Gen. Walker reports that his mounted ingantry have reconneitred to Prieska and exchanged shots with a rebel force on the north bank of the Orange River. This reveals an armed rising at a point, which, like that of Douglas, had not been known here before. The strength of the Dutch force is unknown. Prieska is ninety miles to the west of the Orange River Station.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS FOR FRENCH.

#### Said to Have the Boers Practically Surrounded at Colesburg.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN CAPE Town, Jan. 4 .- A despatch to the Times from Rensburg, filed yesterday, says that on Tuesday night the British set fire to the trucks of the runaway train, which had been wrecked by the British artillery when it was seen that the train, which was loaded with provisions, would otherwise fall into the bands of the Boers. The New South Wales troops, who were detailed to set the trucks on fire, worked under a heavy shell and rifle fire.

A party of Boers were trying to loot the over the enemy, doing considerable damage. Many riderless horses were seen running about after the fire began. The Boers sought shelter at Plewman's Siding, but well directed shelling compelled them to abandon this place. The enemy took a field gun at a gallop through a pass opposite the British right. The British immediately shelled the gun, but the enemy

The despatch adds: "The Boers are practically surrounded, and if there were more British troops here we could cut their lines of

"The booming of cannon can be heard from the centre at Coles Kop. The Berkshires have been reënforced. The Inniskillings, Tenth Hussars and R Horse Artillery command the left of the position. The O Horse Artillery, mounted infantry, New Zealanders and Carbineers, under Col. Porter, are on the extreme right. Gen. Brabazon is in command. Our troops are playing the Boers at their own game, but they are unappreciative."

ORANGE RIVER, Jan. 3.-Reënforcements have been sent to Gen. French from De Aar.

#### Formed as a Protest Against the Presen "Lamentable Weakness of the Army." Special Cable Despotch to The Sus.

A BRITISH "IMPERIAL PARTY."

LONDON, Jan. 4.—At a small meeting presided over by the Hon. Thomas Sandys. M. P., yesterday a committee was appointed for the purpose of organizing "an Imperial party whose object will be the establishment of the power of the British Empire, which is now jeopard ized through the long apathy of the people who trusted certain political leaders and are now

lamentable weakness of the army." The meeting resolved to support the Government in prosecuting the war with the full resources of the Empire and to assist in future inquiry as to the reasons for the present un-

realizing with bitterness and humiliation the

satisfactory condition of national defence. The enthusiastic scenes of a few days ago were repeated to-day during the enrollment of (6)() City of London Volunteers at the Guild Hall. The surrounding streets were crowded, and the volunteers had difficulty in reaching the hall. The Queen sent a message in which she expressed her appreciation of the patriot-

The hospital ship Maine has arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, on her way to South Africa. All on board are well.

William Walderf Aster subscribed £5,000 to the fund to equip the London volunteers. who are going to South Africa. The total sub-

scriptions reached £92,000 in a few days.

# SPOILS PROMISED TO THE BOERS.

Heard of \$30,000,000 Worth of Diamonds

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Pants, Jan. 4.- The rumor is spreading here that the De Beers Mining Company hoarded diamonds worth \$6,000,000 in the cellars of the company at Kimberley before the war. This was done for the purpose of keeping up the Boers have promised to divide a portion of these sports among the troops when Kimberley falls and that this accounts for the rush of volunteers from all quarters of the globe to the Transvaal.

It is believed in Paris that the inspiration for the military generalship of the Boers emanates from Berlin.

BOERS SHELLED AT COLENSO.

and Stampede the Horses.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN FRERE CAMP, Natal, Jan. 4. - The Boer trenches vere vigorously shelled this morning with evident success. The lyddite shells smashed the Boer entrenchments to the left of the kraal on the plain, compelling the enemy to shift their position. The horses stampeded.

#### WANT M'KINLEY TO INTERVENE. Mass Meeting in Brussels Prepares an Ad-

dress to Him.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BRUSSELS, Jan. 4 .- A largely attended meeting was held here to-day for the purpose of organizing a national address to President McKinley praying for his intervention in South Africa. Senator Lejeune presided. Following is the text of the address:

"Deeply moved by the terrible and sanguinary conflict in which two civilized nations are engaged in South Africa, the undersigned make an urgent appeal in favor of that mediation that you alone are in a position to offer. We implore you to fulfil this sacred duty toward the fraternity of mankind."

The address will be circulated in the chief towns for signatures.

#### NO INTERVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA. This Government Will Not Interfere Unless

Requested by Both Belligerents. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The State Department explained to-day that no request that the United States Government use its good offices to bring about an ending of the South African war had been made by the Transvaal Government. A great many suggestions of that character have come from unofficial bodies, such as Hoiland societies and the Clan-na-Gael, but the Department had taken no action in regard to these, other than to acknowledge their receipt The Government intends to adhere to its attitude of non-interference and will not consider any request for the tender of its mediation unless the request is made by both belligerents.

#### BRITISH RETIRE FROM DOUGLAS. Col. Pilcher's Force Escorts the Inhabitants to Dover Farm.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. DOVER FARM, Cape Colony, Jan. 3,-Col. Pilcher this morning informed the inhabitants of Douglas that owing to military reasons he was forced to evacuate the town. Every one left at 8 o'clock in the morning and arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Canadians who acted as escort to the women carried the babies for them and kept everybody lively with their singing.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 3 .- There was a demonstration here before dawn to-day. Two sections of the Grenadier Guards volleyed in the direction of the Boers and elicited a response. The British northernmost outposts have been advanced a thousand yards and are protected by the naval guns. The Boers fired on the pickets last night.

Despite the rains in the Free State and the rise of the water in the Modder River the drought here is intense. The Army Service Corps has bought up all the local forage. Gen. Babington's force, which cooperated with the other troops at Sunnyside, has re-

# NO PROTEST AGAINST LYDDITE.

Commandant Joubert Denies That He Objects to the British Use of It.

Specia' Cable Despate's to Tite Bus. PRETORIA. Jan. 3 .- According to the latest official despatches from the Boer headquarters at Ladysmith the British naval guns at Chieveley maintain a long range fire night and day, the it is ineffective. Commandant Joubert, having seen in English newspapers a report that he had protested to Gen. White against the use of lyddite wrecked train, but were compelled to retire by | by the British, denies that he ever thought of the British artiflery. The shrapnel shells burst | making such a protest. He affirms that the Boers have not yet lost a single man through

> Commandant Joubert preached to the burghers on the morning of Dec. 31. The Rev. Mr. Meiring, who had just arrived from Amer ica, preached in the afternoon and reviewed the life struggle of the Boers.

#### PARTY ESCAPES FROM LADYSMITH. Boers Report That Ceell Rhodes's Brother Got Through Their Lines.

S ecial Cable Desparch to THE SUN PRETORIA, Jan. 1 (Delayed in Transmission). -During a heavy storm four nights ago six horsemen escaped from Ladysmith. The Boers believe that Col. Rhodes and Jameson were in the party.

Col. Frank Rhodes, a brother of Cecil Rhodes, was one of the officers with Gen. White at Ladysmith. The Jameson referred to may be Lieut. Col. Jameson of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Dr. Jameson, the raider, is said to be in England, but his exact whereabouts are not known.

#### ZULUS TO BE ARMED. Must Not Fight, However, Unless the Boers

Attack Them. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- A despatch to the Central News from Durban says that the Government of Natal, in response to repeated petitions made by the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus. They are, however, only to act in the event of being attacked by the Boers.

LONDON, Jan. 4.-The report that Winston Churchiil had been appointed squadron leader in the South African Horse is erroneous. It is his brother, I. Churchill who has received the

#### NAPOLEON'S HOUSE FOR KRUGER. Pretoria Hears That the British Are Pre-

paring "Oom Paul's" Place of Exile. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LOBENZO MARQUES. Jan. 4.-The Digger's Necs of Pretoria prints a rumor to the effect that Longwood, Napoleon's residence on the island of St. Helena, is being renovated for the reception of President Kruger after the war. It adds that the report has created the bitterest feeling in Boer official circles.

There is trouble in Swaztland. It was recently reported that King Bunu was dead, but refugees now assert that it was the Queen who died. They say that Bunu's brother Necocco has assumed power and is killing the populations of entire kraals. There is a reign of terror in the country.

### GENERAL STRIKE IN PATERSON.

# More Wages.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 4.- The Machinists Union of this city this afternoon declared a general strike, and all of the journeymen machinists in the principal shops left work. The locomotive works have not yet been affected, but as most of their men are affiliated with the union, they are expected to quit to-morrow. It is probable that the iron, steel, brass and machinery building businesses of the city will be tied up for some time.

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The union was organized less than a year ago and several increases of wages have been granted the men since that time. But the organizers have persistently pointed out the possibility of more increases. The men are out for a 10 percent, advance. The employers are firm against it. The strike of the machinists will render hundreds of other artisans idle.

Two hundred men went out at the shop of Benjamin Eastwood. Mr. Eastwood would say nothing except that he had had enough of walking delegates. Samuel J. Watson, of the Watson Machine Company, whose men also went out, said that his firm had largely increased wages within a year past. He did not object so much to the idea of an advance as to the manner in which it was demanded. He declared that his company would continue to run its own shop.

# GERMAN PUBLIC IS ANGRY.

OUTCRY AGAINST THE SEIZURE OF SHIPS BY THE BRITISH.

Demand for Strong Action by the Government-Mail Steamer General Held Up by the British at Aden and Searched for Contraband of War-Bundesrath Case.

Spe ial Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Jan. 4. - The report of the practical seizure of the German mail steamer General by the British at Aden, who searched her cargo for contraband of war, has produced an explosion of popular anger of an intensity that t would be difficult to exaggerate. The excitement caused by Emperor William's telegram to President Krüger a few years ago is quite eclipsed by the present state of feel-

It can hardly be said that the seizures of German steamers have increased anti-English sentiment, for that is perennial and unqualified here with a majority of the populace, but the expression of this sentiment is now overflowing in such passionate fury that it threatens to cause the Government the most serious embarrassment. The Ministers stand between the obvious necessity of maintaining official coolness and reserve and the violent attacks of the press and public, who are charging them with timidity. It is impossible to ascertain whether the Government has received any explanatory communication from Great Britain. The probabilities are that it has not. In any case, no official information or anything else calculated to soothe the irritation has been issued.

Meanwhile, what information is obtainable points to the Government's intention to await the issue of diplomatic exchanges, only adhering firmly to international law and eventually insisting that Great Britain give way if circumstances prove her wrong. This view is advocated by the National Zertung and some other newspapers, but it appeals to only a numerically small section. while the chauvinist organs' declarations that Great Britain is recouping her numerous reverses in South Africa by coercing neutral merchantmen, and their demands for strong Government action, receive endorsement al-

most everywhere, The Cologne Gazette declares it is regretable that a British cruiser dared to lay hands on an imperial German mail steamer, such action raising questions of the gravest import. The paper says that Great Britain will be expected to give complete satisfaction for the incident, which could not have possibly happened if the Germun Navy had been strengthened in recent

years to the same extent as the army. The German Colonial Society, which is always the apostle of Anglophobia, has issued a passionately-worded pamphlet against the arbitrary acts of the English, and is organizing meetings to protest against the selzures of German vessels.

#### OUR PROTEST PRESENTED.

#### Ambassador Choate Calls On Premier Salisbury Concerning Flour Seizures.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, Jan. 4.-Ambassador Choate had a long conference with Lord Salisbury to-day and presented Secretary Hay's note with reference to the seizure by British warships of flour and other commodities shipped by American firms and consigned to merchants at Lorenzo Margues.

The Admiralty announces that the first-class torpedo boat Harrier, which was ordered to watch suspicious foreign vessels dealing in contraband goods, has arrived at Aden. It has been decided that a small flotilla of warships be maintained on duty watching all South African ports.

### PERTUGAL'S NEUIRALITY.

Statement in the House of Peers That It

Will Be Strictly Maintained. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LISBON, Jan. 4 -- In the House of Peers last night Count San Miguel stated that Portugal would maintain to the utmost her neutrality between Great Britain and the Transvaal. No information had been received of the transit through Lorenzo Marques of war material or men destined for the Boers.

Referring to the reports of an Anglo-German treaty. Count San Miguel said it would be impossible for Portugal to make such a treaty without the knowledge of the Cortes

### Contraband Goods Unloaded at Naples.

Special Cable De patch to THE SUN ROME, Jan. 4.—The steamship Kanzler, with the Dutch and Russian ambulance corps for the Boers on board, touched at Naples to-day and unloaded a quantity of goods which were considered contraband of war.

# OUR INTERESTS IN CHINA.

All Governments Interrogated Give Assurances That They Will Be Respected.

Washington, Jan. 4.-The Italian Government, through its Ambassador in Washington, Baron Fava, to-day gave assurances to the United States Government that Italy, if she became possessed of any part of the territory of China, would respect the treaty concessions secured by the United States by treaty arrangements with the Chinese Government. The Italian assurances are contingent on unanimity among all the other nations in granting the promises requested by the United States. England, Germany, France, Russia and Japan, the other Governments concerned, made the same condition in their answers. The favorable response of Italy marks the successful termination of the negotiations conducted by Secretary Hay and assures the maintenance of the "open door." Italy's answer was personally conveyed to

Secretary Hay by Baron Fava at the State Department to-day. Since the assent of Russia on Tuesday last there had been no doubt in the minds of the Government officials that Italy would follow the example of the other five nations. While the information imparted by the Italian Ambassador ends the negotiation stage of the arrangement which the United States Government sought to bring about, there yet remains to be secured the positive final answers of the European powers and Japan, unhampered by any contingent clause. These will be given without any further parley, each of the six foreign governments having piedged itself in its contingent answer to furnish the piedges desired if all the others did likewise. These final formal piedges will be invited by the State Department in notes to each of the six foreign governments explaining that there has been complete unanimity in responding to the overtures of the United States. There will be no identical documentary agreement to be signed by the five European powers and Japan, as such an arrangement might be held to be a treaty requiring the ratification of all the nations concerned, including the United States. Each foreign Government that was asked to furnish assurances for the preservation of American trade interests in China will address a note to the Government of the United States reiterating the piedges given without the inclusion of the contingent clause. When all these final answers have been received the State Department will give a statement to the press explaining the nature and result of the negotiations. Secretary Hay by Baron Fava at the State Department to-day. Since the assent of Russia

#### MISS ROCH AGAIN IN A TRANCE, Her Previous One Continued For Thirty-

eight Days. MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 4.- The Montreal doctors are greatly puzzled over the case of Miss Eva Roch, a French-Canadian girl who has

# MISSISSIPPI'S SENATOR NAMED.

W. V. Suilivan Nominated for the Short

Term Ending March 4, 1901. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 4 .- The joint caucus of the two houses to-night nominated the Hon.W. V. Sullivan for Senator for the short term ending March 4, 1901, he receiving 88 votes to 72 for ex-Gov. Lowry. Senstor Sullivan was introduced amid great applause and returned thanks for the honor. He professed to represent new and progressive South. He would build the Nicaragua Canal and build up our new possessions, and put bread in the mouths and lothes on the backs of the children of the

South. Gov. Lowry also responded to calls. Senator Kiger of Warren introduced a bill today providing for the erection of a new capitol, to cost \$750,000, and to be located on Penitentiary site, convicts to perform much of the labor, and the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer and Attorney-General to supervise the construction without salary.

# SKATERS GO OVER A DAM.

Landed on Rocks Twenty Feet Below-Wind So Strong They Couldn't Stop. Passaic, N. J., Jan. 4 .-- John Hasbrouck, Edward Roth and John Brownile were skating together before a strong wind toward the dam on Vreeland's Pond this afternoon. They tried to check them selves as they approached the dam, but were unable to do so and all three were carried over. They landed on the rocks twenty feet below. Roth and Brownile were little hurt, but Hasbrouck was picked up unconscious and taken to his home in a carriage. His injuries will not prove serious.

#### CONTESTS FOR RENTUCKY OFFICES. Only One Republican on the Legislative

Committee in Goebel's Appeal. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 4.-The drawing in both branches of the Legislature of committees by lot to settle election contests consumed nearly the entire day of the Assembly, and toward the close there was a display of partisan spirit over the committee to hear the Goebel-Taylor Gubernatorial contest. It is composed of nine Democrats, one Populist and one Republican. The committee to try the case of Beckham Marshall for Lieutenant-Governor

resulted in only two Republican members on the committee and nine Democrats. The members of the Legislature were invited to witness the preparation of the ballots for the drawings and after the ballots had been deposited in the box to choose the committee to try the contest for the Lieutenant-Governorship Representative Haswell, the Republican leader, made the charge against the clerk that Representative Haswell, the Republicate leader, made the charge against the clerk that the Republican names were thrown to one side and the Democratic names to the other side, and that the box was not well shaken in the drawing committee. The debate was quite sprited, and when the friends of the clerk resented the charges. Speaker Trimbic asked that Mr. Haswell select a committee of Republicans to shake the box to their satisfaction before the drawing. The point was made that the law prescribed that only the clerk could do this, and Clerk Leigh was instructed to shake the box in every direction repeatedly.

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Under the law both committees will meet tomorrow and organize for the contest. The committees to try the eighteen contests of seats of members in the House and two in the Senate were organized. In the House ten contests were filed by Democrats against Republicans filed contests against Democrats holding certificates. In the Senate there is one Democratic and one Republican filing contests. These contest committees consist of five members each, and in some instances one member is assigned to as many as three contest committees. The contests promise to consume much of the time of the session.

### LOCKED IN WITH THE BANK AFIRE.

Watchman at the German-American Badly The night watchman in the German-American Savings Bank at Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue is locked in at night. When fire broke out in the bank at 4 o'clock yesterday evening he could not get out. He drummed on the window, rang the burglar alarm, hammer-

the window, rang the burglar alarm, hammered on the door, and at last attracted a crowd to which he made signs. They wanted to smash the window, but he waved them back. They tried to shove a messencer boy through the transom, but he was too thick. He could not get in and the watchman could not get out; and all the time the fire was burning. At last the janitor was roused and he came and opened the door. The watchman came out and called the firemen, and they put out the fire. It was a very small one, and had done little harm. He might almost have put it out himself.

# BUBONIC PLAGUE IN BOSTON?

Stowaway From Antwerp Attacked With a Mysterious Sickness-In Quarantine. Boston, Jan. 4. - An Austrian name i Mapture who arrived here as a stowaway on the British steamer Fitzelarence last Friday is in the hospital at Gallops Island, suffering from some mysterious illness. The Fitzelarence came here from Antwerp. Mapture was ordered held by the immigration officials, to whom he gave his age as twenty four. The officers at Station B discovered that the man was ill on Tuesday and the physician from the Marine Hospital was called to examine him. The man was taken to Gallops Island. It was rumored that Mapt are was afflicted with smallbox, but this was an error, and it is now said that the disease resembles bubonic plague. Considerable secrecy is being maintained by those most interested. It was indirectly reported from Gallops Island to-day that the man was progressing very favorably.

# HORSE BITTEN BY A DOG.

High Priced Bull Terrier Gives an Exhibi-

tion of Tenacity in Broadway. A. H. Whitehead of 210 West Thirty-fifth street, took his bull terrier, which he says is worth \$1,000, out for a walk last night. In front of the Empire Theatre, a cab horse front of the Empire Theatre, a cab horse owned by William Reed, swung his head towerd the sidewalk, just as the dog and his master passed by. The dog jumped for the horse, caught it by the nose with his testh and hung on. Reed managed to prevent the horse from running away and Whitehead succeeded in inducing the bull terrier to release his hold. The horse's nose was bally torn and Reed had the ground canterized by a veterinary surgeon. wound cauterized by a veterinary surgeon.

Chicago Wants Check Collection Charges. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.-There is a movement on foot among local bankers to follow the lead of their New York brethren to make a charge for the collection on all "outside" checks. Meetings have been held and the matter discussed, but no agreement has been reached. The smaller bankers object to the rule, and the larger ones who favor it fear to adopt it unless by unanimous vote, because it could be used by those not bound by its provisions to build up their business at the expense of the others.

### Called and Left a Baby.

A man about 50 years old called on Mrs. Annie Roscoff of 209 Clinton street yesterday afternoon and asked her if she had any furafternoon and asked ber it she had any fur-nished rooms to rent. He ialked with her for a few moments, went away and left a month-old baby boy lying in the hall near the steam radiator. Mrs. Roseoff proposes to adopt the

#### More Sympathy for the Boers. The Kildare Men's Association has adopted resolutions expressing sympathy for the Boers in their struggle with England and "commend-ing them for the stand taken in defence of their liberty and fatherland and wishing them final victory."

Roland Reed to be Operated on Again. Roland Reed, who is at St. Luke's Hosiptal, been in a trance since Christmas eve. All attempts to arouse her have failed.

Last year Miss Roch had a trance which lasted for thirty-eight days. She was finally aroused by the application of heated needles.

Koland Reed, who is at St. Luke's Hosiptal, will have to undergo another operation in a few days for the removal of the cancerous growth in his stomach. The surgeons consider that he has a fair chance to recover.

# SCHOOL ACCOUNTS SEIZED.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS NOW HAVE BOOKS OF THE BOARD,

Comptroller, With a Picked Force, Invades Education Hall and Lays Down the Law to Supt. Jasper-Mayor Backs Up the Comptroller-Vans to Cart Away Books.

The teachers' payrolls for December, which the School Board for Manhattan and The Bronx, refused on Wednes tay to change at the Comptroller's order, were taken out of the hands of the Board of Education yesterday and the preparation of new rolls, involving an examination of the books of the School Board, was placed in charge of the Commissioners of Accounts. This action was ordered by the Mayor after he received a long letter from Comptroller Coler detailing the trouble he had had in the matter with the School Board. In reply the Mayor said that the Comptroller should have the entire clerical force of the Commissioners of Accounts to assist him in going over the School Board's accounts. With this authority Mr. Coler marshaled his forces late in the afternoon and invaded the School Board's quarters, demanded the books and schedules and finally got a promise that they would all be sent down to the office of the Commissioners of Accounts by 9 o'clock this morning. Last night the school people were scurrying around, and securing vans and express wagons in order to fulfil their promise. When the Comptroller heard of the action of the School Boards refusing to order the payrolls to be changed so as to show out of which accounts the salaries should be paid, he prepared a statement and sent it to the Mayor. In it he declared that as early as last May he had requested the School Board to separate the appropriation and the bonds accounts and of which the salaries were to be paid and the School Board had agreed to do so. They had, he insisted, deferred the necessary computation in spite of his protest, promising to do it at the end of the year. When the December rolls did not show how much of each teacher's salary was to be charged to the different accounts, Mr. Coler said, he refused to pass them because in permitting a mingling of the general school fund with the revenue bond account of the Ahearn law he would be culpa-

the general school fund with the revenue bond account of the Ahearn law he would be culpable and could be held personally liable to the city. He also said that the School Board's resolution did not contain a single true statement and that the Board was ignorant of the elementary principles of finance.

If the teachers' interests did not have to be considered, Mr. Coler said, he would demand, under the authority given him by the clarter, thatthe payrolls be made out as he wished, and in the event of the continued contumacy of the Board he would prefer charges against the members for violation of their legal duties and have them removed from office. He charged that the auditor of the Board, as well as the members, was incompetent and asked the Mayor to wave etiquette and assist him in getting the information which was only in the possossion of the Board of Education. The Mayor wrote at once to Mr. Coler that he had instructed the Commissioners of Accounts to place the entire force of their office at his disposal in order speedily to dispose of the payment of the teachers' salaries.

Upon receipt of the Mayor's letter the Competroller sent for Dr. William L. Ettinger, the President of the New York City Teachers' Association. His purpose in sending for him was to prove to the teachers' stating and the intention was to do everything for their good. Dr. Ettinger was asked to help in the investigation and to assist in explaining some of the bechnical points from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get such information from the teachers' standpoint, the purpose being apparently to get

Levy, Commissioner of Accounts Hertle, Chief Examiner Allen and Dr. Ettinger. Mr. Coler led the way up to Grand street and upon arriving at the offices of the School Board, marched the invaders up to Borough Superintendent Jasper's office on the second floor. Mr. Jasper

the invaders up to Borough Superintendent Jasper's office on the second floor. Mr. Jasper was talking to some of the school commissioners when the Compitolier entered.

"Look, here, Mr. Jasper," said the Compitolier, "Ive stood this long enough and I now call on you for every book and every document in your possession which will assist us in this examination. I'm going to insist on my right in this matter."

Mr. Coler took off his coat and hat and walked about the room, while Mr. Jasper tried to explain that he wasn't the one who stood in the way of the teachers.

"Why don't you go downstairs to the finance department?" he inquired.

"I've had enough of the finance department." replied the Comptroller." If the books aren't here, have them brought here."

Mr. Jasper seut out stenographers, chief clerks and office boys to collect the books. While they were waiting for the books, Commissioner Moriarty ventured into the room to inquire of the Comptroller why he had attacked him for lavish expenditure for seissors. Mr. Coler said he wasn't there to talk about seissors, but to help the teachers get their money. Two or three other commissioners stood outside the door, but did not venture in. The stenographers, chief clerks and office boys kept coming in, staggering under the weight of huge ledgers until the invading force threw up bands in dismay.

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kept coming in, staggering under the weight of huge ledgers until the invading force threw upbands in dismay.

"We'll have to send trucks for these," said Mr. Coler. Then he ordered Mr. Jasper to send for Acting Secretary Bussey and from him he demanded the payrolls and books in his possession. Mr. Bussey asked him if he wanted them all.

"Yes, I want the whole business—hook, line and sinker," said the Comptroller, while a crowd of teachers stood outside the door and watched the progress of affairs with rising enthusiasm.

When Mr. Jasper's office had been about filled up with teachers' account books, payrolls and other documents. Commissioner Hortle went over with Mr. Jasper some of the accounts. Mr Jasper said he thought it would be more convenient if the investigation was made in the building, and he offered a room for that purpose. Mr. Coler said that the investigation was to be conducted outside of the building and insisted that everything to aid him be sent to the office of the Commissioner of Accounts. Mr. Jasper then gave orders that none of his emvlovees was to quit his post until the books and payrolls were in shape to be sent down town.

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Deputy Comptroller Levey said that fifty men would be employed in the investigation. Thirty of them will be taken from the force of the Commissioners of Accounts and the rest will be experts from the Finance Department. It was roughly estimated that about eighty thousand calculations would have to be made before the work is finished, as it is the intention to go over the accounts in some of the other beroughs as well. There are some ten thousand teachers accounts to go over for eight months. Mr. Levey figured yesterday that the work would not be finished for two weeks.

The Comptroller said yesterday, before his invasion of Education Hull, that the Auditing Department of the School Board was incompetent and that because of that incompetence there was a conspiracy to make him meur the resentment of 10.00 teachers.

"The bond account." he said, "is purely a trust account and for that reason I am compelled to insist on this separation of the two accounts. The School Board thinks that I keep the money in a barrel and that they can haul it out and account for it later. They think they are so respectable and honorable that one should take their check, face down, without question. They have forced the issue on me and I accept it and am going to push the fight until I convince the teachers that they are not the victims of this office, but suffer through misplaced confidence in the auditing bureau of the School Board and its other red tape features."

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"If our auditor is in fault," he said, "no one will act more quickly than myself in his removal. At the same time I am surprised that the Comptrolier has only just discovered this incompetency. It is in keeping with some of his other assaults."

Commissioner Van Hoesen, whose resolution refusing to make the changes in the payrolis demanded by Mr. Coler, proveked the investigation, looked upon it as a victory for the School Board because it would compet the Comptroller to fix the rolls himself.

"Mr. Coler," he said, "must get down from his perch. He must pay the teachers and he knows it, and he is seeking the best way out of the trouble. This man, Coler, thinks he's the watchdog of the City Treasury, the most important spoke in the wheel. I don't think he is, life ought to have had the data in his office and not ask us for it. If he had asked us properly for information, we might have given it to him. The School Board is not responsible for the non-payment of teachers' salaries and the Saddle should be put on the right horse."

Henry M. Cook, the Auditor of the Beard, refused to make any statement concerning the Comptroller's charges.

#### DR. SCHENCK REMOVED.

AND PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

His Theories of Controlling Sex Not Approved by Vienna University.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Jan. 4.-Dr. Schenck, whose sex theories elicited the censure of the Council of Professors of the University, has been removed on their petition from his professional chair and the management of the Embryological Institute, over which he presided for

# SANTIAGO POLITICIANS ALARMED, 750 from Mrs. Frances Augusta Skinner, wite

Fear the Effect of the Scheme of Suffrage Proposed for Cuba.

twenty-six years.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Jan. 4.- The story of the Cuban Generals at Havana relative to suffrage was published here to-day and caused considerable excitement among certain politicians. These men insist that Gen. Wood's to live with her Mrs. Skinner added: action proves that the Administration does not intend to give Cuba its independence, and there are many denunciatory comments. An interview with Gen. Wood a short time ago in regard to Cuba's independence is also printed and there promises to be a further discussion tomorrow of what some of the politicans call the "imposition proposed by Gen. Wood, who while in Santiago devoted himself to the frustration of the Cuban idea of independence."

Gen. Wood's conditions in regard to the right of suffrage practically take away the larger part of the political power of this province. It is here that the greatest ignorance exists, A majority of the population are negroes and less than half the adult males are capable of complying with the conditions proposed, ability to read and write and ownership of property. On the other hand, there is great satisfaction with the plan among the property owners and whites, who believe that it will protect them

from negro officialism. WITNESS STRICKEN WITH DEATH.

Was Testifying for Her Husband When the

Attack Came-Husband Acquitted. Mary Gordon, the wife of Louis Gordon, ontrial for larceny before Judge Foster in General Sessions yesterday afternoon, was stricken with apoplexy while in the witness chair and was removed to Hudson Street Hospital with her left side paralyzed. She died

about 5 o'clock. Gordon was charged with stealing a watch and chain worth \$90 from Abraham Joffe of 233 Division street, on May 27, 1899. The Gordons were boarding with Joffe and his family, and the day they moved to 230 West Twenty-seventh street the watch and chain disappeared. On Dec. 11, Joffe met Gordon in the street and had him arrested. On the witness stand Mrs. Gordon testified that a few days before the arrest she and her husband met Joffe in the street and that Joffe made no mention of his loss. Gordon's defence was an absolute denial. As cross-examination of Mrs. Gordon was about to begin, she became ill, and then unconscious. Coroner's Physician Weston was called and advised that she be

removed to a hospital. Gordon was acquitted. He went at once to his wife's bedside, but left before she died inder the impression that she would recover.

WILL HAVE TO MOVE THE HOUSE. Court Decides That Schreyer Built at Contrary to Covenant in His Deed.

The second trial of the action of Enhraim R Heights, contrary to a covenant in his deed, has resulted in a judgment in favor of Levy,

the excessory flat house which he built on Morrish Heights, contrary to a covenant in his deed, has resulted in a judgment in favor of Levy, entered by Justice Bockstaver of the Spreeme Court. Levy owned more than two hundred lots in this section and sold many of them at unbite anction, including the property of the defendant giving deeds which provided that "no tenements, but only private dwellings," should be built upon the land. It was norm that the house of Schreyer, which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer, which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer, which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer, which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that the house of Schreyer which cost about \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was norm that \$5,000 was for three families and was normal to the same three of the deed.

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Organize a City Department. Boston, Jan. 4.-Owing to a lack of a quorum the Common Council did not transact any business at the meeting called for tonight. About thirty policemen were present prepared to quell any disturb-ance. Daniel J. Kieley called the meeting to

Evening stere, Then Your Trip.

After January o hoat for Lackawanna midnight train to Scranton, Binghanton, Syracuse, Elmira, Buffalo, Chicaco leaves Barclari Street 11:30 P. M., Christopher Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M., and Street 11:40 P. M. Spepers open of P.M.

# SOCIAL SERVITOR'S SUIT.

MISS HOWE WANTS MRS. SKINNER TO PAY HER \$24,750

For Entertaining Guests, Purnishing Music. Helping With French and So On, for 11 Years-Also \$10,000 for Stander-Expert

Rates Such Services at \$5,000 a Year. For services mainly as an assistant in social affairs, Miss Mary E. Howe, about 28 years old. had an action on trial before Justice Truax of the Supreme Court vesterday to recover \$24. of Samuel Perry Skinner of 42 East Eightieth street, who has a country place at Larehmont. The plaintiff is a daughter of Mrs. Eleanor E. Howe of Bridgeport, Conn., and a granddaughter of Elias Howe, inventor of the Governor-General Wood's conference with sewing machine. Mrs. Howe testified that, while her daughter was in Europe being educated, Mrs. Skinner, at Larchment in the summer of 1884, suggested that Miss Howe come

> "You see that house there? (pointing to a large residence). If your daughter comes to me I will take good care of her. She shall have that house, which yields \$3,000 a year. The Brokaws live there now."

> Mrs. Howe said that she agreed to let her daughter go to Mrs. Skinner on that understanding. Mrs. Skinner knew her daughter well and had first met her when both families were in Paris, when the daughter was about five years old. Miss Howe testified that she was educated

> mostly in Europe. She had perfected her mustcal education in Germany and France, and finished off her education in languages and painting in England and Belgium. She returned from Europe in 1886 with her mother and a governess. Her mother explained the offer of Mrs. Skinner and she went to reside with Mrs. Skinner. When asked what her duties were, she said:
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> "Thelped entertain the guests. I furnished music at social gatherings and at other times and helped Mr and Mrs. Skinner in their knowledge of French. I attended Mrs. Skinner in her social calls and in shooping. When she was ill I nursed her, and at other times I looked after her blants and flowers." Everything went pleasantly, said the witness, until Feb. 17, 1897, when Mrs. Skinner, without further ado, said that her services were no longer required. Mr. Skinner, who was present, thereupon threw a \$5 bill on the table and said: and said: and said:
> "Go home to your mother."
> "Didn't the delendant give you two fine costumes?" asked counsel.

Dion't the defendant give you two fine costumes?" asked counsel.
"They were quite nice." she replied, "but the linings were not so good. I had to make them myself."
She said that most of her clothing was given to her by her mother or by Mrs. Richard Hawkins.
"Didn't the defendant present you with a handsome fur-lined closk?" asked counsel.
"It cost \$10." snapped the witness.
When asked if she did not have her own guests at Mrs. Skinner's and if Mr. Frederick Phillips had not stayed there three or four days, she ignored the first part of the question and said that Phillips was a guest of the Skinner's

ner's
Q. Did you not while at Mrs. Skinner's answer advertisements for marriage? A. I never did; that is not so.
She told of a conversation with Mrs. Skinner in which a house at Larchmont, worth \$3,000 a year or its equivalent, was promised for her services. ayear of its equivalent, was promised for her services.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winthrop Stevens, who con-ducts a "society burean" at 19 West Forty-second street, was called as an expert on the value of the services of Miss Howe. The wit-ness said that she is a descendant of Alexander Stevens and collaterally of Gov. Peter Stuy-vesant. She has been in society for a number of years and knows its ins and outs. Her busi-ness is to give advice to Society women on

ness is to give advice to society women on various subjects, such as how to manage social functions, how to dress, entertain and act in society, and to prepare lists of select persons for social affairs.

Asked a hypothetical question supposed to Levy to compel John Schreyer to remove a mbody the services rendered by the plaintiff which included "making peace between master and mistress," she said the work was worth has resulted in a judgment in favor of Levy. The services and mistress, has a proposed to embody the services rendered by the plaintiff, and she said the work was worth has resulted in a judgment in favor of Levy. The services are also she had, describing the plaintiff, and she said she had, describing the plaintiff, and she said she had, describing

The case was not concluded. Miss Howe is also suing Mr. Skinner to recover \$10,000 for slander for alleged remarks about her.

# DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CITY.

Milwankee Raises a Guaranty Fund of \$100,000 for the National Convention. order and it was found that there were only thirty-six members present, two short of a quorum. It is said that the two missing hembleans were locked in a room at the Parker House while the Council was in session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. Loger in All Parker and the Demography of Milwaukee, secretary of the Demography Convention Committee of that city, has opened headquarters here on behalf of the movement to secure for Mil-WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Roger M. Andrews Hanna Not to Preside Over the National Convention.

CLEVELAND. Ohio, Jan. 4.—Senator Hanna announced to-day that he would not consent to preside over the National Republican Convention. He also said that he would not attend the convention as one of Ohio's delegates at-large. He said he was entitled to be a delegate, but Gov. Nash. Senator Forako, Gens. Grosvenor and Dick had already announced their candidacies, and he would have to crowd Grosvenor out if he went.

The movement to secure for Milwaukee the National Democratic Convention next summer. When the National two hundred of the leading citizens of Milwaukee with be on hand and headquarters will be opened at all the leading hotels. A guaranty fund of \$100,000, he says, has been raised, and assurances will be given that the cliv is better able than any other to accommodate the convention. The Exposition hands to crowd Grosvenor out if he would have to crowd Grosvenor out if he went.

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